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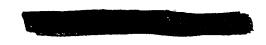
5. Cuban President Using Latin American Tour to Attack US: While he was attending Argentine independence celebrations from 25 to 29 May, Cuban President Dorticos made a vituperative anti-US speech to a large and responsive audience at the University of Buenos Aires. Argentine officials said that they were shocked by the speech but that since it had been staged primarily for a group already converted to Communist attitudes it would not reach far beyond the university. The Argentine ambassador to Cuba said that any attempt to muzzle the universities would give the Cubans and Communists an excuse to raise the issue of free speech and allow them to call members of the Frondizi government "Yankee lovers."

Dorticos also went out of his way to meet with leaders of an actively antigovernment, Peronista labor group in Buenos Aires, inspiring at least one Argentine newspaper to sharp criticism of him for meddling in Argentine political The propensity of Cuban officials for stirring up internal political tensions in their attempts to arouse support for the Castro regime in other Latin American countries has irritated the governments of those countries. Uruguay and Brazil are treating Dorticos' visit properly but coolly, Venezuela is trying to put off his trip to Caracas, and there has been outspoken criticism in Peru and Mexico of the invitation extended to Dorticos' delegation -- after urging by Cuba.

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In most cases, however, the governments are afraid to criticize the Castro regime openly because of its popularity among politically important groups in their countries.

Blas Roca, the secretary general of the Cuban Communist party, implied approval of the Castro regime's Latin American policies in a recent speech on his return from visits to the USSR, Communist China, and other bloc countries. Roca said that the real menace of the Cuban revolution to the "US imperialists" was that it has become an example to other Latin Americans.

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